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SUBJ: FURTHER INDEPENDENCE PROTEST IN GRENADA

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1. GRENADA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AT MEETING MAY 15 UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO EXTEND BUSINESS SHUTDOWN IN ST. GEORGE'S AND GRENVILLE ADDITIONAL DAY MAY 17 AND POSSIBLY THROUGH WEEK, ACCORDING TO PRESS. CHAMBER ALSO CALLED ON BUSINESS-MEN TO WITHDRAW ADVERTISEMENT FROM GOVERNMENT- OWNED RADIO GRENADA, WHICH CHAMBER ACCUSED OF DELETING PART OF STATEMENT SUBMITTED FOR BROADCAST. CHAMBER INVITED GRENADA EMPLOYER'S CONFEDERATION TO JOIN PROTEST AGAINST CURRENT INDEPENDENCE PLANS. MEANWHILE, DOCKS REMAINED IDLE, ADVERSELY AFFECTING BANANA EXPORTS.

2. PRESS ALSO REPORTS THAT ONE OF PRINCIPAL UNIONS IN GRENADA'S TRADE UNION CONGRESS, GRENADA TECHNICAL AND ALLIED WORKERS UNION, WHICH HAS NOT OFFICIALLY JOINED STRIKERS AND WHICH REPRESENTS WORKERS IN ESSENTIAL SERVICES, ANNOUNCED THAT ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE FOR RESTORATION OF TELE-COMMUNICATION SERVICES.

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3. GRENADA UNION OF TEACHERS, ANOTHER MEMBER OF TRADE UNION CONGRESS WHICH HAS NOT SUPPORTED STRIKERS, ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAD DECLINED TO TAKE DECISION ON JOINING ANTI-INDEPENDENCE PROTESTS AND HAD

LEFT THIS DECISION TO LOCAL
UNION BRANCHES, WITH RESULT THAT TEACHERS IN ABOUT 50 PER
CENT OF ISLAND' S PRIMARY SCHOOLS STAGED ON- DAY " SICK OUT"
MAY 17 AS PART OF INDEPENDENCE PROTEST.
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